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Organize to Fight Against Weevil. Organized warfare on the boll weevil directed by the agricultural extension service workers of the State Department of Agriculture was planned on a large scale at a general meeting of the workers from over the cotton belt of the state in the hall of the House of Representatives here.

Poison is the means that will be used in the direct fighting against the pest, but behind that there will be a general campaign of destruction waged throughout the winter months in destroying the wintering places of the weevil, and in a general propaganda of education throughout the state.

"Food will win the war—grow it" may develop into the slogan of the campaign that the extension service plans against the weevil. Every farmer will be urged to raise every thing that he needs to eat, but not to over-produce. Fifty hens for every farm, along with a cow and some hogs will be urged.

Agents from many sections of the state reported that the farmers in their localities are planning to go into the poultry and swine business on a large scale and cut down the production of cotton. Such a course will not be generally recommended because of the fact that there will be more chickens than the market will absorb.

Reasonable amounts of cotton, with calcium arsenate for the weevil, some chickens, pigs and a cow, is the program that will be urged on farmers throughout the state. More pasture crops for cattle and hogs will be recommended to the farmers, and the "live at home" motif will not be lost sight of.

Extension service workers believe that the weevil can be controlled by intelligent effort in North Carolina, and the destruction of the cotton crop held down to the minimum, by better farming methods, earlier planting and the use of dusting with poison.

Governor Issues Proclamation.

Governor Morrison issued a proclamation calling upon the people of the state to observe Monday, October 9, as "Fire Prevention Day," to be observed in such a way "as to visualize and prevent the irreparable loss we annually sustain through individual neglect."

"We cannot make poverty a crime while we regard extravagance as a virtue, neither can we shut our eyes to carelessness and waste and thereby postpone the day of financial exhaustion," the proclamation begins.

"Living in a land of plenty we are apt to console ourselves with the delusive thought that what we lose we can replace. How about what we destroy? That which is lost may be recovered, that which is destroyed by fire is beyond restoration. Fire means destruction, not loss. How improperly therefore, do we continue to refer to our annual toll of burned as 'property fire loss.' It is destruction; deplorable because preventable, criminal because murderous.

"North Carolina waged a more intensive campaign in the past year than any like period in its history, yet 146 persons lost their lives in burning buildings, while property destruction reached the unprecedented sum of \$7,500,000. Are we becoming more thoughtless, more careless, more wasteful, or must we admit that we are becoming a state of incendiaries? Let each community determine the cause and meet the problem with the determination to apprehend the criminal, reform the careless and eliminate the enormous and unnecessary fire waste."

Governor Morrison asks the people, in observing October 9 as fire prevention day, to eliminate rubbish, waste and other combustible materials. He asks the local authorities to give publicity to fire prevention ordinances, to inspect thoroughly all business and residential premises with the view of eliminating conditions which may cause fire.

Complete Plans for State Fair.

Three committee meetings concerned with the immediate plans for a greater State Fair, and the third with the working out of a legislative program for the 1923 General Assembly looking toward the greatest of State Fairs in the future were attended by Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, president of the fair, in a brief three-hour visit to the state capital.

Entertainment of Gen. John J. Pershing, who is to be a guest of the State Fair on Wednesday, October 18, was the concern of the first of the committees, routine business which is now three weeks away of the second, and legislation the business of the third of the committees. Neither had definite announcement to make at the conclusion of the session.

So bright are the prospects that the legislative committee has determined to have the grounds open at night for illumination of hundreds who are expected to get there in adjoining counties.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Reidsville.—The state highway commission has started work on project No. 535, the road between Greensboro and Reedy Fork, towards Reidsville.

Winston-Salem.—There appears to be an organized band of thieves stealing small automobiles from tobacco warehouses in this city. Five machines have disappeared within the last few days.

Charlotte.—The nine national and state banks of Charlotte picked up an increase of \$2,250,000 from June 30 to September 15. Surplus and individual profits showed an increase of approximately \$300,000.

Burlington.—Great preparations are being made here by the members of the First Christian church for the convening of the American Christian convention, which is scheduled to meet at this place October 17.

Hickory.—Alfred Holler, of Claremont, Catawba county, celebrated his one hundredth birthday anniversary with a picnic given by relatives. The centenarian is able to walk unaided and is enjoying remarkable health for his age.

Statesville.—No trace has been found of the three rings valued at \$2,000, which disappeared from the home of Mrs. John F. Bowles on West End avenue. The rings belonged to Mrs. W. L. Hill, of Orlando, Fla., for some years a resident of Statesville.

Snow Hill.—Evangelist J. L. Jenkins and his singer, A. R. Sims, will begin a union evangelistic campaign here October 8, to last through October. Evangelist Jenkins was here three weeks last year and all five of the denominations are enthusiastic at the idea of his coming again.

Red Springs.—Joe Kemp, who 44 years ago shot and killed Daniel E. McNeill, of this place, has been captured in St. Augustine, Fla., and will be brought to Robeson county at once for trial, according to advices received here. He waives requisition papers, it is said, and will return with the sheriff.

Asheville.—A restraining order was issued by Judge G. S. Ferguson at Waynesville preventing the Henderson county board of commissioners from spending \$260,000 of \$310,000 on hand for road improvements except under the supervision of the state highway commission.

Reidsville.—Rapid progress has been made on the new co-operative warehouse here and it will be ready for the opening of the market. Nearly all the brick work is completed, the roof is in an advanced stage of construction, and floor laying will begin this week. It is a magnificent warehouse.

Charlotte.—L. L. Caudle, of the Charlotte bar, received a telegram saying his sister, Mrs. J. P. McLean, and daughter, aged 16, had been killed by a train in Selby, North Dakota, and a son of Mrs. McLean seriously injured. They were motoring back to the west after a visit to Charlotte and Marshville.

Burlington.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Morris Plan Bank of Burlington, officers and directors were elected for the new bank. W. H. May was elected president; D. E. Sellars, vice-president, and J. M. Fix, cashier. E. S. Parker, of Graham, was named attorney for the new banking institution.

Hickory.—Robey Murphy, 25, was instantly killed near Conover, Catawba county, when struck by a Southern railway passenger train.

Durham.—J. E. Ivey was here awarded one cent by the jury sitting on a suit instituted by him against the Home Security Life insurance company for \$8,000 for slander.

Hendersonville.—H. P. Corwith, of Saluda, has just shipped two carloads of apples, receiving for them around \$3 per box. He has stored a large quantity of apples here.

Wake Forest.—Under the direction of Dr. Charles P. Weaver, the Wake Forest Press Bureau has been organized to furnish news to the various afternoon newspapers of the state and the prominent county newspapers.

Ayden.—A petition signed by every business firm and many other representative citizens of Ayden is being forwarded to the post office department asking for the operation of a truck mail service from Kinaston to Greenville, serving Grifton, Ayden and Winterville.

Lumberton.—Reduced rates will be given on all railroads leading into Lumberton for the eighth annual Robeson county fair to be held here October 10 to 13. Indications are that the fair this year will eclipse all previous fairs, and thousands of visitors are expected from Robeson and adjoining counties.

TEN KILLED AND SCORE INJURED

THE LOYAL MEXICAN FEDERAL TROOPS AND REBELS ARE IN CLASH.

THE BATTALION IN REVOLT

Three Officers Connected With Uprising Court-Martialed, Condemned to Death.

El Paso, Texas.—Ten persons were killed and more than a score wounded in a clash between rebels and federal troops following the revolt of the forty-third battalion, a part of the Juarez garrison. The clash between the loyal federal troops and the rebels, was a surprise and lasted but a few minutes, ending when the rebels exhausted their supply of ammunition.

In a public exhibition General J. J. Mendez took away the colors of the battalion. Army officials declared this to be the greatest disgrace possible for a body of troops. Loyal member of the regiment will be transferred to other units, General Mendez declared.

Army officials said the uprising was purely local in character and said that while the men sympathized with General Maguria, they expect no further outbreaks.

The revolting soldiers of the forty-third battalion and about 150 prisoners stationed at the Mexican city, released all prisoners from the city jail, imprisoned their officers and took possession of the town, looting starting shortly after 3 o'clock in the morning. Police and custom guards, stunned by the sudden rebellion, offered but little resistance.

A number of American men and women were among those released from the jail. Other prisoners, including those sentenced on charges of murder, were released.

American troops were posted at the international bridge and along the border of the city. Upon the retirement of the rebels they have American permission to cross the bridge.

Two Americans, one a fruit peddler, were slightly injured by stray shots, which came from the disturbed area in Juarez.

General Mendez personally led his men in the fighting. Juarez has experienced five rebel battles since 1911, resulting in the town being placed under rebel rule for at least a short while each time. On May 8, 1911, Francisco I. Madero's troops took Juarez after a three-days battle. On February 27, 1912, forces which later joined General Pasco Orozco in his revolt against Madero took the town.

On November 15, 1913, Francisco Villa too the town away from forces holding it for Victoriano Huerta. On June 14, 1919, Villa attacked the city twice, had the federals beaten for a short time, but American troops interfered and frustrated Villa.

The town has changed hands on other occasions since 1911, in keeping with the changes of the government at Mexico City, but these changes were not marked by fighting.

Turkish Force Offers Proposal.

Paris.—The armistice proposal sent to the Allies by Mustafa Kemal Pasha through M. Franklin-Bouillon provides that the British and Turkish forces shall temporarily hold their present positions, without any further movement until the armistice conference called at Mudania on Tuesday settles the question, says a Havas dispatch from Constantinople.

The dispatches add that a peace conference, if all goes well at Mudania, should be held about October 15, according to the belief prevalent in Turkish quarters.

Protest the Removal of Miss Booth.

Chicago.—A resolution protesting against the contemplated removal of Evangeline Booth from leadership of the Salvation Army was adopted at a meeting of the district deputies, members of the Elks' National Memorial headquarters committee and about 200 members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The meeting, called by Edgar Masters, grand exalted ruler, endorsed the telegram sent by Mr. Masters to General Booth at London a few days ago, in which it was asserted that the removal of Miss Booth will "directly offend the intelligence of our more than 800,000 membership, as it will, I am sure, every friend of the Salvation Army in the United States."

STATE MAY GET ARMY EQUIPMENT

STANDS A CHANCE OF OWNING \$25,000,000 WORTH OF UNUSED ARMY GOODS.

BOUGHT FOR ARMY PURPOSES

Includes Anything From Knife and Fork to Complete Heating and Refrigerating Plants.

Raleigh. North Carolina stands a chance of owning \$25,000,000 worth of unused army equipment, including anything from a knife and fork up to complete refrigerating and heating plants for large institutions at no cost other than the freight.

Colonel W. L. Bolby, disbursing officer for surplus war material, who is spending a while with Highway Commissioner Frank Page, talked about the plan whereby the several states will be apportioned about one billion dollars' worth of every conceivable sort of property bought but not used by the army and navy, during the war.

Any state-owned institution, prison, college, university, hospital and even county jails can draw on the supply for whatever they need.

Under the Townsend resolution, this billion dollars' worth of new army equipment, none of which has ever been used, will be turned over to the department of which Colonel Bolby is the head, and by him distributed through the governors of the various states for use in any institution making application to him for it. The governor would be the disbursing officer of the state.

"The people have paid for this stuff once, and I can see no reason why they should not use it," said Colonel Bolby. "Every year your institutions pay out money for just such stuff as is stored in these warehouses. Unless it is distributed it will be sold to dealers who will in turn sell it back to the people at a great profit. Just last week we sold Sears-Roebuck 17,000 pairs of shoes for \$1.25 a pair and some of them come to North Carolina for \$4.00 a pair."

Senator Townsend's resolution is being bitterly fought by concerns interested in buying the war surplus material and selling it at a profit and it has not yet emerged from committee. Colonel Bolby is sure that it will eventually receive favorable action in congress and is prepared to begin immediate distribution of the property.

Memoranda of the available supplies were submitted to Governor Cameron Morrison during the past few days and he is understood to entertain the position that the institutions in this state will not have "second hand material." None of the material included in the proposed distribution has ever been used, Colonel Bolby said.

Election Books Open October 5.

Registration books for the election to be held on November 7 may be opened on October 5, chairmen of county boards of election were advised in a letter by Col. P. M. Pearsall, chairman of the state board of elections.

Colonel Pearsall's letter modifies a part of a letter sent to the county chairmen on September 16, which would have fixed October 7 as the date for opening the books. In his letter Colonel Pearsall explained that the attorney general on September 15, 1902, held that "the twenty days before the day for closing the registration books did not include Sundays in that period."

"Since that time, to-wit, 1902," Colonel Pearsall's letter said, "there have been as many as 12 sessions of the general assembly (general and special) and no change has been made in the language of the section so construed by the attorney general. Also since 1902 this construction of the law has been uniformly observed."

"In deference to the opinion of the attorney general and long continued and unbroken customs, I modify that part of my letter of September 15, and advise that registration books may be opened on October 5, 1922."

No Price Fixing Now, Says Self.

No price fixing of coal will be undertaken in North Carolina until the prices have been stabilized at the mines, was the only comment that State Fuel Director R. O. Self had to make on the Hoover ruling that price fixing must be done by states. The federal government declined several weeks ago to fix prices and left it up to the mines.

TRINITY COLLEGE GETS LARGE SUM

JAMES B. DUKE ADDS ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

BIG PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Latest Gift Makes Total Contributions to Trinity by Duke Family About \$4,000,000.

Durham, N. C.—James B. Duke has again made large gifts to Trinity college. President Few announced that Mr. Duke has given \$250,000 to the new gymnasium, that he will give \$50,000 towards a \$100,000 law building; that he will give \$50,000 towards a \$100,000 building for the new school of religious training, and that in addition to these gifts he is adding \$1,000,000 to the endowment of the college.

These gifts are made by Mr. Duke as his part in the program for the immediate further development of the college, which includes eight items:

(1) Increasing the productive endowment of the college by not less than \$2,000,000. Mr. Duke gives \$1,000,000 of this, and towards the second million some \$700,000 has been pledged, and it is expected that the remainder will be placed before June 1 next.

(2) The building up of an alumni revolving fund of at least \$60,000 or \$70,000 a year which would represent the income on more than \$1,000,000. More than \$400,000 has already been pledged to this fund. It is expected that every former student of the college will contribute and get contributions from others to this fund. The completion of the new endowment fund is absolutely indispensable if the college is to care for any further increase of students, the number at present being 300 per cent more than a decade ago.

(3) The development of the fully organized school of religious training.

(4) The completing of the gymnasium, construction of which is now under way.

(5) The erection of a building for the law school. For this purpose there is pledged \$250,000 in addition to the \$50,000 that Mr. Duke proposes to give; and the graduates of the law school have made plans to make the \$250,000.

(6) The erection of another science building.

(7) The building of one more dormitory unit.

(8) The construction of a new central heating plant.

With the full co-operation of the Trinity alumni and the rank and file of the Trinity constituency, it is confidently expected that at next commencement every item in this program can be announced as an accomplished fact or in process of accomplishment.

State Vets May Not Meet Again.

Asheville.—The reunion of the Confederate Veterans, comprising the North Carolina division, came to an end here, following one of the largest and most impressive parades ever held in the city.

Whether the North Carolina veterans will meet in reunion next year has not been decided. Some feel that the scattered lines will hardly make it feasible.

Following the spectacular parade the veterans were driven over the Biltmore estate and many of them visited the government hospitals at Oteen and Kenilworth. In the wards of these hospitals emotion several times overcame patients who gazed from their beds of sickness upon the bent and gray veterans of a bitter conflict before them.

An automobile bearing General Julian S. Carr, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and Brigadier General J. M. Ray, of Asheville, commanding the fourth brigade U. C. V., led the parade.

Ask Cut From Rail Rates.

Washington.—Representatives from organizations of traveling men, appearing at the Interstate Commerce commission hearings on interchangeable mileage books, asked for a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent in transportation costs by means of the proposed new mileage facilities.

A. M. Loeb, president of the national council of traveling salesmen's associations, said the roads should sell coupon books at a one-third discount, and argued that the policy would increase the amount of travel materially.

HUNDREDS KILLED IN ITALIAN FORT

LIGHTNING CAUSES TERRIBLE EXPLOSION, DESTROYING FALCONARA FORT.

BURIED UNDER THE DEBRIS

Pitiful Cries For Help Are Heard Coming From Under Wreckage As Rescue Work Goes On.

Spezia, Italy.—The number of dead, it is feared, will reach 144 in the explosion at Falconara fort, near here, according to the available estimates. The number may go higher. Several hundred have been injured. A majority of the victims are still buried beneath the wreckage.

Pitiful cries for help are heard coming from beneath numerous heaps of debris, but though the rescue work is proceeding it will be some time before the last victims are extricated from the wreckage of the immense number of houses which were razed.

Seventy bodies already have been recovered from the debris. Fifteen hundred tons of explosives were stored in the deep tunnels of the fort. The entire top of the hill on which it was located was completely blown away. The work of recovering additional dead is proceeding. No correct estimate can be made of their number.

Streams of injured have arrived in automobiles, trolley cars, lorries and ambulances from the scene of the explosion. Numerous other injured persons are being sheltered in the schools, waiting rooms of the railway stations and private houses. The hospitals are filled.

Troops, riflemen and civilians, are working hard to clear away the wreckage, but their task is almost superhuman one.

Every tree within a radius of many miles of the explosion was uprooted. All the windows in Spezia were broken.

The Italian Red Cross, immediately after the explosion, sent large quantities of medical stores and other first aid necessities to the scene.

The wounded were rushed to the hospitals here, all of which were filled. Military forces have been assigned to the work of rescue. All Fascisti of the province of Genoa have been mobilized by their chiefs to assist the soldiers.

Solch Rides Plane to Funeral.

Washington.—Representative Bland of Virginia joined the congressional "flying squadron" taking an air route for a hurried trip to Hampton to attend the funeral of a friend.

Representative Bland read in a Newport News paper that he had been selected as an honorary pallbearer at the funeral of Col. Nelson S. Groome, president of the Bank of Hampton, Va., and a member of the Virginia legislature. Representative Bland also read that the funeral would be held in Hampton at 2:30 o'clock. He glanced at his watch, called the army air service headquarters on the telephone and at 12 o'clock took off from Bolling field in an airplane for Langley Field.

Cotton Exports Increase in Value.

Washington.—Exports of cotton decreased in volume but increased in value during August as compared with August, 1921, according to foreign trade reports issued by the commerce department.

Exports of the commodity totaled 272,808 bales worth \$31,000,000 last month, as against 423,491 bales worth \$26,000,000 in August a year ago. For the eight months ended with last August cotton shipments totaled 3,480,569 bales, worth \$348,000,000, against 3,789,286 bales worth \$274,000,000 during the corresponding months a year ago.

Cotton cloths exported during August aggregated 50,000,000 square yards, worth \$7,000,000, as compared with 56,000,000 against 332,000,000 square yards worth \$46,000,000 during the eight months ending August, 1921.

Form Provisional Government.

London.—Indications of revolutionary conditions in the Greek island of Crete were reported in a telegram received in official circles from Canoe, the chief town on the island. All the prisoners housed in the town jail escaped and created disturbances throughout the city. There being no local authorities to deal with them, they were rather free in their actions. Finally a provisional local government was formed to control the situation.